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1. IN ADDITION TO REFTEL, WE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM OSCAR ROSSINI OF MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADDRESSED TO AMB. HILL, WHICH REQUESTED OUR HELP IN LOCATING NEPHEW MARTIN.

2. EMOBOFF PLACED CALL TO VIRGINIA ROSSINI DE FENZO IN MENDOZA, AND SPOKE WITH HER AFTERNOON OF FEB 23. MRS. FENZO HAD NO RPT NO INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MARTIN, AND WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS CASE ON TELEPHONE. SHE DID PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

3. MARTIN IS ONLY TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS OLD, NOT FIVE. MRS. FENZO HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAUL OR ALICIA ROSSINE FOR SOMETIME BEFORE THEIR DEATHS, BUT "UNDERSTANDS" THAT MARTIN MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY FATHER RAUL INTO CARE OF UNIDENTIFIED FRIENDS AFTER DEATH OF ALICIA IN DECEMBER. CHILD APPARENTLY WAS IN BUENOS AIRES, NOT MENDOZA, AND FAMILY HAS NO IDEA WITH WHOM FATHER MAY HE LEFT CHILD. A GRANDMOTHER OF MARTIN, WHO LIVES IN SAN JUAN, NEAR MENDOZA, HAS APPROACHED BISHOP OF BUENOS AIRES, "HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE," AND POSSIBLY OTHER ENTITIES FOR HELP
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IN LOCATING CHILD, BUT BISHOP AND OTHERS HAVE POINTED OUT SHEER IMPOSSIBILITY OF PROCEEDING WITHOUT AT LEAST PHOTO, BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SOME LEADS. MRS. FENZO HAS NOT RPT NOT APPROACHED POLICE OF OTHER GOA AUTHORITIES, AS DEATH OF PARENTS HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, BUT SHE THINKS GRANDMOTHER MIGHT HAVE CONTACTED BUENOS AIRES POLICE. MRS. FENZO SAID THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT DEATH OF RAUL ROSSINE WAS REPORTED IN BUENOS AIRES PRESS JAN

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29, BUT UNDER HIS ALIAS "PEDRO". WE NOTE THAT JAN 29 PRESS
REPORTED KILLING OF ELEVEN EXTREMEISTS IN LA PLATA, ROSARIO
AND BUENOS AIRES ON JAN 27 AND 28. A MILITARY COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED
THAT ONE "PEDRO," A "TOP INFORMATION CHIEF OF MONTONEROS",
WAS SHOT JAN 28 WHILE RESISTING ARREST AT 800 AUGUSTIN ALVAREZ
IN VICENTE LOPEZ, A SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES.

4. COMMENT: MRS. FENZO IS FRIGHTENED AND DESCRIBED SEARCH FOR
MARTIN AS "DIFFICULT" BECAUSE OF "CIRCUMSTANCES" OF PARENTS'
DEATHS. OBVIOUS COURSE OF TAKING UP SEARCH FROM ADDRESS AT
WHICH FATHER KILLED WOULD QUICKLY LEAD TO DRAWING ATTENTION
FROM BOTH SECURITY FORCES AND MONTONEROS. IF MRS. FENZO'S
UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT AND MARTIN WAS GIVEN INTO CARE OF
FRIENDS BY HIS FATHER, LIKELIHOOD IS FRIENDS MAY ALSO BE MONTONEROS
WHO WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES REVEAL CONNECTION. MRS. FENZO
PINTED OUT THAT MARTIN PROBABLY DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HIS FAMILY NAME.

5. WE SUGGEST ONE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE CONTINUED EFFORTS
BY FAMILY WITH CHURCH AUTHORITIES. IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT
PERSONS WHO HAVE MARTIN MIGHT RESPOND TO CHURCH APPEALS IN
PRESS, ETC., TO TURN HIM OVER, ANONYMOUSLY IF NECESSARY, TO
CHURCH ON UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD BE RETURNED TO RELATIVES.

6. ON OTHER HAND, WE SEE NO OBJECTION, IF DEPT INTERESTED
AMCITS CONCUR, TO APPEAL TO HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP OF
FONMIN OUTLINING GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE AS WE UNDER-
STAND THEM AND ASKING FOR CHECK WITH POLICE TO SEE IF THEY HAVE
ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING MARTIN OR ANY UNIDENTIFIED CHILD OF THAT
AGE WHO MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED BY RELATIVES AS MARTIN.
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